

# Soil Association Certification

## COSMOS Labelling Requirements



This guide has been created by Soil Association Certification to provide a brief overview of the requirements listed in the [COSMOS Standard](#) and [COSMOS Labelling Guide](#).

Please refer to these documents for a complete list of standard requirements.

Please contact the Beauty & Wellbeing team via [beautyteam@soilassociation.org](mailto:beautyteam@soilassociation.org) or on 0117 987 4564 for any further support.

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# What is checked as part of the COSMOS label review?













Licensees are expected to comply with all relevant cosmetic legislation outside of the COSMOS standards and must ensure this is met.

When we conduct label reviews these are inline with the COSMOS standard requirements only.

We advise licensees to contact the relevant national authority/authorities if unsure what specific or additional legal requirements apply to their products.

## What does the label review cover?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
|  Organic claims and product descriptions                    |  INCI names identify the correct ingredient variant (e.g. XXX has multiple INCI names) |
|  Organic ingredients have been identified in INCI list      |  INCI list is declared in descending order by weight                                   |
|  Correct COSMOS logo is used including proportions and font |  Product claims (e.g. ingredient efficacy, free from, SPF)                             |
|  Total Organic and/or Natural %s                            |  Allergen declarations   |
|  Correct identification of PPAI and CPAI ingredients        |   |
|  Ingredients match the submitted product composition        |   |



COSMOS  
ORGANIC

# COSMOS Organic

Labels must be submitted with every product approval



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## Organic Claims

- Must clearly and accurately describe the product
- 'Organic Product Name' (i.e. organic shampoo) only permitted when 95%+ ingredients are organic
- If referring to an organic ingredient in descriptions (i.e. organic mint shampoo), the product must contain this ingredient in organic form

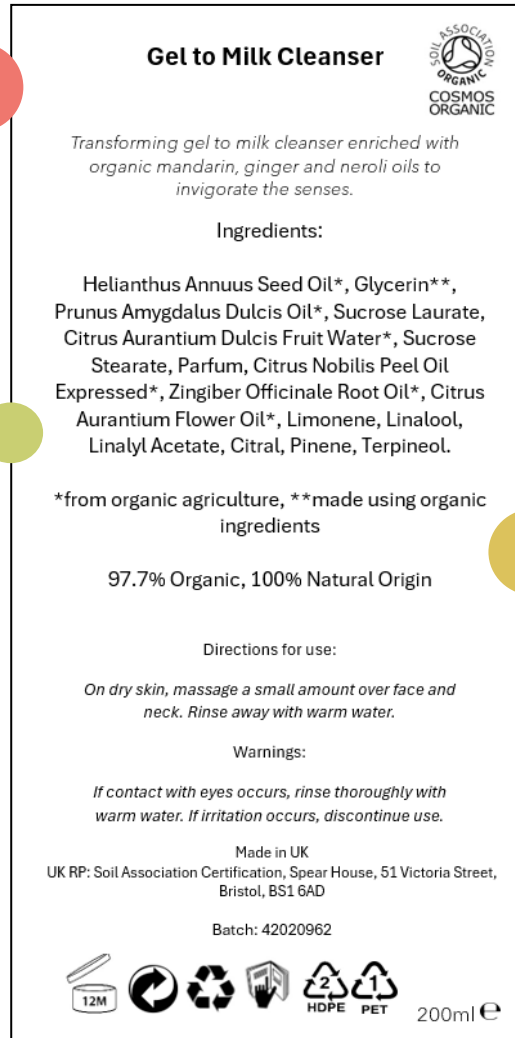
See [COSMOS Labelling Guide](#) (p4) for alternative, permitted descriptions

## INCI List

- Organic PPAs **must** be identified/denoted as:
    - 'organic' or
    - 'from organic agriculture' or similar expressions
  - Organic CPAs **must** be identified/denoted as:
    - 'organic origin' or
    - 'made using organic ingredients' or similar expressions
  - If there are 2 qualities of the same ingredient (i.e. organic glycerine added as an ingredient and non-organic glycerine contained within a mixture) the organic status can only be identified if the total of organic is 95% + for that ingredient
- See [COSMOS Standards](#) (p26) for denotation wording

Denotations can include any legible symbol (with a legacy)

Example of a COSMOS Organic label



## Logo

- Correct COSMOS logo
- Logo can go anywhere on pack but must be visible at point of sale
- Can be used in any colour as long as sufficiently visible

## Percentage Statements

- Percentage of **organic** ingredients **must** be displayed using one of the following statements:
  - 'xx% organic of total' or
  - 'xx% organic' or
  - 'xx% certified organic'
- Percentage of **natural** ingredients **must\*** be displayed using one of the following statements:
  - 'xx% natural origin of total' or
  - 'xx% natural origin' or
  - 'xx% certified natural origin'

- Percentages declared to a maximum precision of 2 decimal places – can be rounded down (but not up)

\* For products that are 100% organic or natural origin, the natural origin percentage is not mandatory

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Example of a COSMOS Natural label

## Organic Claims

- Must appear on front of label and only in reference to organic content of product and organic ingredients
- Be no more prominent than smallest text on label
- Appear in conjunction with COSMOS Natural logo (front of label)
- Organic ingredients referenced **must** be identified in INCI list



## Logo

- Correct COSMOS logo
  - Logo can go anywhere on pack\* but must be visible at point of sale
  - Can be used in any colour (except green) as long as sufficiently visible
- \*Unless making **organic claims***

## Percentage Statements

- Percentage of **natural origin** ingredients **must\*\*** be displayed using one of the following statements:
  - 'xx% natural origin of total' or
  - 'xx% natural origin' or
  - 'xx% certified natural origin'
- [If contains organic] Percentage of **organic origin** ingredients **can** be displayed using one of the following statements:
  - 'xx% organic of total' or
  - 'xx% organic' or
  - 'xx% certified organic'
- Percentages declared to a maximum precision of 2 decimal places – can be rounded down (but not up)

*\* \*\*For products that are 100% natural origin, the natural origin percentage is not mandatory*

## INCI List

- Organic PPAs **can\*** be identified. If so must be denoted as:
  - 'organic' or
  - 'from organic agriculture' or similar expressions
- Organic CPAs **can\*** be identified. If so must be denoted as:
  - 'organic origin' or
  - 'made using organic ingredients' or similar expressions
- If there are 2 qualities of the same ingredient (i.e. organic glycerine added as an ingredient and non-organic glycerine contained within a mixture) the organic status can only be identified if the total of organic is 95% + for that ingredient See [COSMOS Standards](#) (p27) for denotation wording

*Denotations can include any legible symbol (with a legacy)*

*\* Organic **must** be identified if making **organic claims***



# COSMOS Certified Raw Materials





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A template, bulk label for these raw materials can be used if the organic content is the same. If the organic content is different, please submit a new label for review.


If using a template label that has previously been approved, please confirm this when submitting the raw material for approval.

## Logo

- Correct COSMOS logo
- Recommended the logo appears on front of pack
- Can be used in black or white



**Berry Oil Blend**



Ingredients:

Rubus Idaeus Fruit Extract\*, Vaccinium Myrtillus Fruit Extract\*, Vaccinium Macrocarpon Fruit Extract\*, Euterpe Oleracea Fruit Extract, Lycium Barbarum Seed Oil, Tocopherol, Helianthus Annuus Seed Oil.

\*from organic agriculture

89.5% Organic Content

Made in UK

UK RP: Soil Association Certification, Spear House, 51 Victoria Street, Bristol,  
BS1 6AD  
EU RP:

500ml e

Batch: 13012025

Expiry date: 13/01/2026

## Organic Percentage Statement

- Percentage of organic content must be denoted as 'xx% organic content'

If this is not stated on the label it must be clearly stated on appropriate product documents